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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KRAMERICH ET AL.

Examiner

William C. Vaughn, Jr.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3, 4, 5, 7-9, 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 6, 10, 11 and 15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in regards to the Amendment and Response received on 15 November 2004.
2. The application has been examined. Claims 1 and 3-15 are pending.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant's arguments are deemed moot in view of the following new grounds of rejection as explained here below, necessitated by Applicant's substantial amendment (i.e., *a traffic database for storing said pedestrian traffic... for transferring data among the traffic database, the at least one database for storing non-traffic...*) to the claims which significantly affected the scope thereof.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dedrick, U.S. Patent No. 5,717,923 in view of Fox et al. (Fox), U.S. Patent No. 5,832,456 and in further view of Montero, U.S. Patent No. 6,133,912.

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6. Regarding independent claims 1 and 3, (e.g., exemplary independent claim 1).

Dedrick discloses the invention substantially as claimed. Dedrick discloses a pedestrian traffic indexing system comprising a plurality of traffic monitors at a plurality of provider sites [see Dedrick, Col. 3, lines 49-58 and Col. 4, lines 5-67 and Col. 10, lines 52-67]; *a server connected to said connected to said traffic monitors to receive pedestrian traffic data from said traffic monitors* [see Dedrick, abstract] *generating national retail traffic index data by processing data stored in the at least one database form storing non-traffic related data* [see Dedrick, Col. 10, lines 33-65]; storing and a database receiving said indexes from said processors and storing indexes [see Dedrick, Col. 10, lines 33-51]; and a data communications connection through which users may access said database [see Dedrick, Figures 2 thru 4, Col. 2, lines 56-62]. However, Dedrick does not explicitly discloses a traffic database for storing the pedestrian traffic data, at least one database for storing non-traffic related data, a view creator for generating national retail traffic index data by processing data stored in the traffic database and the at least one database for storing non-traffic related data, a national retail traffic index data mart for storing the national retail traffic index data and a

7. In the same field of endeavor, Fox discloses (e.g., system and method for forecasting future retail performance). Fox discloses a traffic database for storing pedestrian traffic data [see Fox, abstract, item 302].

8. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Fox's teachings of a system and method for forecasting future retail performance with the teachings of Dedrick, for the purpose of analyzing future performance by a consumer. However.

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Dedrick-Fox do not explicitly disclose a view creator for generating national retail traffic index data by processing data stored in the traffic database and the at least one database for storing non-traffic related data.

9. In the same field of endeavor, Montero discloses (e.g., method of delivering information over a communication network). Montero discloses a view creator for generating national retail traffic index data by processing data stored in the traffic database and the at least one database for storing non-traffic related data [see Montero, Figure 1, Col. 4, lines 29-62].

10. Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the networking art at the time the invention was made to have incorporated Montero's teachings of a method of delivering information over a communication network with the teachings of Dedrick-Fox for the purpose of allowing for updated demographic information and purchase habits to be easily identifiable by a user [see Montero, Col. 2, lines 40-65].

11. Regarding dependent claims 4, 5, 7-9 and 12-14, the limitations of these claims are taught within the figures and disclosure of Dedrick-Fox.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 6, 10, 11 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

13. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

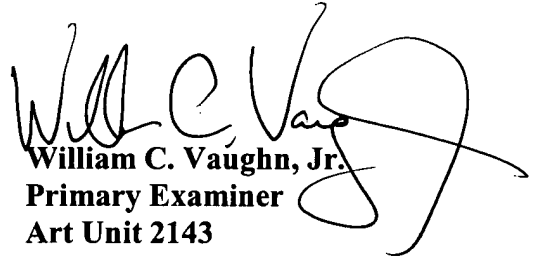
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William C. Vaughn, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-3922. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-6:00, 1st and 2nd Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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